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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ECAC RECOMMENDATION NO 8

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED JANUARY 18 FROM VERES TO MEADOWS RE FOLLOW-UP TO PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR DEALING WITH ECAC RECOMMENDATION NO 8 (SIMILAR LETTER BEING SENT CANADIANS): "YOU WILL RECALL THAT, AT THE NOVEMBER 1973 TRIPARTITE MEETING ON NORTH ATLANTIC AIR CHARTERS (NAC), IT WAS AGREED THAT EACH HEAD OF DELEGATION WOULD REPORT TO HIS PRINCIPALS THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED AT THE MEETING WITH A VIEW TO THE ADOPTION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE NAC REPORT.

ACCORDINGLY, ECAC SPECIALISED WORKING GROUPS HAVE EXAMINED IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS BOTH SUBSTANTIVE
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MATTERS AND PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE

PROGRAMME OF ACTION IN QUESTION, AND A SPECIAL PLENARY SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE HAS JUST CONVENED TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS BY THESE GROUPS. THE SESSION HAS APPROVED THE WHOLE PROGRAMME OF ACTION AND FURTHER AGREED THAT ECAC SHOULD PROCEED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH DEVELOPING PROPOSALS FOR THE DEFINITION OF THE BASIC ELEMENTS ON WHICH UNDERSTANDINGS WITHIN A MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK ARE DESIRABLE (SUB-PARA. 4(A) OF THE NAC REPORT) AND WITH THE REVIEW OF ITS PROHIBITION OF BILATERAL CHARTER NEGOTIATIONS (SUB-PARA.4(B)). TO THAT EFFECT, IT HAS ESTABLISHED AN "AD HOC" WORKING GROUP WHICH WILL ACTIVELY CONSIDER THESE TWO ITEMS AND SUBMIT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO HIGHER ECAC BODIES. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WORK WILL BE COMPLETED IN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME AND I SHALL NOT FAIL TO INFORM YOU OF THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED.

I CAN ALREADY INFORM YOU THAT THE "AD HOC" WORKING GROUP REFERRED TO ABOVE WILL CONCENTRATE ON SUCH AREAS FOR MULTILATERAL UNDERSTANDINGS AS THE DEFINITION AND CONDITIONS OF OPERATION OF DIFFERENT CHARTER CATEGORIES, CAPACITY, PRICE, ACCESS BY CARRIERS, ENFORCEMENT, AND PROCEDURES FOR CONSULTATION AND REVIEW.

I SHOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD LET ME KNOW, AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, WHAT FOLLOW-UP ACTION IS BEING TAKEN ON THE UNITED STATES SIDE WITH RESPECT TO THE PROGRAMME ESTABLISHED AT THE NAC TRIPARTITE MEETING OF LAST NOVEMBER AND HOW, IN PARTICULAR, YOU ENVISAGE TO CARRY OUT THE ACTION DESCRIBED IN SUB-PARAGRAPH 4 (A) OF THE NAC REPORT."

2. RE LAST PARA OF LETTER DOZ INDICATES THAT STATE OF US PROGRESS ON FOLLOW-UP AND SCENARIO FOR COMPLETING IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM OF ACTION ARE AMONG QUESTIONS THAT VERES PROPOSES RAISING WITH USG WHEN IN WASHINGTON ON FEB 4 (AND, OBVIOUSLY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DURING OTTAWA VISIT LATER). WE UNDERSTAND FROM DOZ THAT CAB CHAIRMAN TIMM HAS ALREADY AGREED TO RECEIVE VERES. ARRANGEMENTS FOR VERES VISIT ARE BEING MADE THROUGH PORTUGUESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. STONE

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